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PERIODICAL EVALUATION OF DEFENCE EQUIPMENT
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any mechanism to continually evaluate the best in class weapons and surveillance equipment required by the armed forces;

(b) if so, whether this information is made available to the armed forces in a routine manner; and

(c) whether there is adequate transparency in the decision making process to ensure that the equipment are considered on due merit and requirements identified?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) & (b): The Armed Forces regularly evaluate weapons and equipment available around the world on the basis of information obtained through various sources to identify the best in class weapons and surveillance equipment.

(c) Acquisition process of weapons and equipment is carried out in a transparent manner provided in the Defence Procurement Procedure which also ensures that the equipment under procurement is as per the requirement and fulfils quality specifications.